



23 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint Congressional Committee on Cold War Strategy

1. Locke Campbell furnished me the attached papers on the above subject which included a suggested membership of the Committee and possible staff employees. Also included was a draft Concurrent Resolution and a statement of the Proposed Purposes and Goals of a Joint Committee on Cold War Strategy. Campbell advised that there was some indication of a proposed meeting in Senator Smathers' office scheduled for 23 January.

2. I am informed that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has received a copy of a report prepared by the Orlando, Florida, study group dealing with this subject. It is very likely that this paper is connected with the proposal attached here in view of mention of the name Sylvia Cherny who has been working out of Orlando, Florida, on this general subject. Apparently any such proposal is taken very lightly within the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and it appears highly doubtful that any such Concurrent Resolution would make much headway. Nevertheless, efforts will be made to confirm the evidence at hand and follow any developments particularly in view of the suggested alternatives for a staff director, i.e., James Burnham and/or Anthony Bouscaren.

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Attachments

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JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON COLD  
WAR STRATEGY

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Senate: 1. George Smathers, Chairman, Fla. (D.)  
2. John McClellan, Ark. (D.)  
3. (Russell)  
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5. Everett Dirksen, Ill. (R.)  
6. Barry Goldwater, Ariz. (R.)  
7. Andrew Schoeppel, Kansas (R.)

House: 1. Robert Sikes, Fla. (D.) Vice Chairman  
2. John J. Flynt, Jr., Ga. (D.)  
3. Frank Chelf, Ky. (D.)  
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6. Leslie Arends, Ill. (R.)  
7. Ben Jensen, Iowa (R.)

Staff:

Director, James Burnham and/or Anthony Bouscaren  
Dir. Research: Karl Baarslag  
Liaison: Sylvia Cherny

ATTACHMENT A  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION

Whereas the international communist conspiracy has intensified its "cold war" against the United States and the other countries of the free world to such a degree that a state of emergency has arisen which requires new measures to neutralize the political, psychological, economic and other non-military weapons employed by communist regimes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) that there is hereby established a joint congressional committee to be known as the Joint Congressional Committee on Cold War Strategy (hereinafter referred to as the committee).

The committee shall be composed of nine members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and nine members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection. The committee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and the other a member of the House of Representatives.

It shall be the duty of the committee

(a) To survey the objectives, strategy and tactics of the international communist conspiracy and particularly the political, economic and subversive warfare activities currently waged by communist regimes, with the view to determining whether additional measures should be taken to strengthen the institutions of countries of the free world and whether the United States should develop additional programs to defeat "cold war" aggression; and

ATTACHMENT B  
RESOLUTION

(b) To report, from time to time, to the Senate and the House of Representatives, the results of its investigations together with such recommendations as it deems advisable. Upon request, the committee shall aid the standing committees of the Congress having legislative jurisdiction of any part of programs concerning the defense or security of the United States. The committee, or any subcommittee thereof, shall have power to hold hearings and to sit and act at such places and times within or outside the United States, its territories and possessions, whether the Congress is in session, has recessed or has adjourned, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable. Subpoenas shall be issued under the signature of the chairman or vice chairman of said committee, and shall be served by any person designated by him.

The committee shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of such officers, experts and employees as it deems necessary for the performance of its duties, without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended. Officers and employees of the Government shall be detailed to the service of the joint committee, on its request, without additional compensation, and such officers and employees shall be paid from the appropriation regularly available for their salaries.